

Dear Property Owner

This water year is tracking to be one of the 10 driest on record. It follows two previous years of below-normal and dry conditions; however, even during dry years and droughts, floods can occur. Your property is located behind a State-Federal project levee (even if you cannot see the levee). According to our records, your property located at [leave space here for the property address variable data] may be exposed to potential flood risk from the [leave space here for flood source(s)]. Your property may be at risk for flooding from other sources not identified in this notice, such as creeks and local storm drains. Visit www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and enter your property address to find the areas subject to flooding if State-Federal project levees should fail, and to get information about State-Federal levees in your area.



Flood Risk Notification Program

California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Be aware of your flood risk
and *Be Prepared*

Living with Levees

Know your Flood Risk

Flood Risk Notice 2014



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Consider these facts:

- **Levees** may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding.
- **Even if a levee** meets the FEMA standard of 100-year flood protection, there is at least a 1-in-4 chance of a larger flood occurring within any 30-year period (the life of a typical home mortgage).
- **Flood damage** is not covered by most standard home, renter, and business owners' insurance policies.
- **The State recommends** that you obtain flood insurance for your property. Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-435-6637, or visit www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk



DID YOU KNOW?

90%

of California counties have had at least one flood during the four droughts since 1976.

40%

of California counties have experienced five or more floods during the four droughts since 1976.

T/F

If your home is destroyed in a flood, you are still responsible for the mortgage.

A: True.

You can live in your home while it is being repaired.

A: False.

Typically, while a flood damaged home is being repaired, it cannot be occupied.

Remember this simple 3-step plan

PREPARE

Prepare an emergency kit that includes: flashlights, radio, batteries, candles, matches, blankets, water, food, first-aid kit, and a list and supply of all medications.

Keep important documents and valuable possessions on an upper level of the structure, or as high as possible.

Make a list of items to take with you and have a plan for your pets.

Know how to safely shut off your utilities.

Listen to authorities for emergency instructions.

Establish a family meeting place.



PREVENT

Keep storm drains, gutters and ditches clear.

For your property: check with your local flood control agency to see if a permit is required if you plan to build on, fill, alter, or re-grade your property.

For levees: never excavate, plant, modify, or build anything on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.



PROTECT

Never drive through flooded streets or roads; more people are trapped and die in their vehicles than anywhere else during floods.

Never try to escape rising floodwater by going into the attic unless you have roof access, or if there are no other safe options.

Consider buying flood insurance. It is a wise investment.

For more ideas about protecting your property against floods, go to www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and click on "Protect Your Property."



Get a list of your local emergency contacts and more local, state, and federal information at:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Please share this important notice with your tenants. Have it translated if necessary.

ESTA NOTIFICACIÓN CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE.

Por favor compártala con sus inquilinos. Tradúzcala si es necesario.

Para preguntas llame al: 1.877.769.7475 o visite:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk